

**A MOUNTAIN IS REMOVED—Mining in Bingham Canyon is no small operation. The mountain is slowly being removed by the big electric shovels which work on**

benches or levels. The Utah Copper open-pit mine is largest surface copper mine in U. S. This canyon is site of Utah's first and one of her most profitable mining claims.

## First in the West:

# FIRST MINE AT BINGHAM

(Submitted By Ramon Dickson)

Mining in the West, and especially in Utah, was at first discouraged by leaders of the Church. General P. E. Connor, who founded Ft. Douglas in 1862, can be given the credit for encouraging ore seekers.

His men were mostly from California where the gold mining fever was strong and they needed very little encouragement to look

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for metal. It was because of their diligent seeking, and because a man named George P. Ogilvie mentioned that there was galena in Bingham Canyon that the largest open-pit mines in the world were eventually developed.

The West Mountain Mining District was organized under the laws of California in December of 1863 and is given the distinction of shipping the first ore from the territory. Also this organization built the first smelting plant in this part of the country.

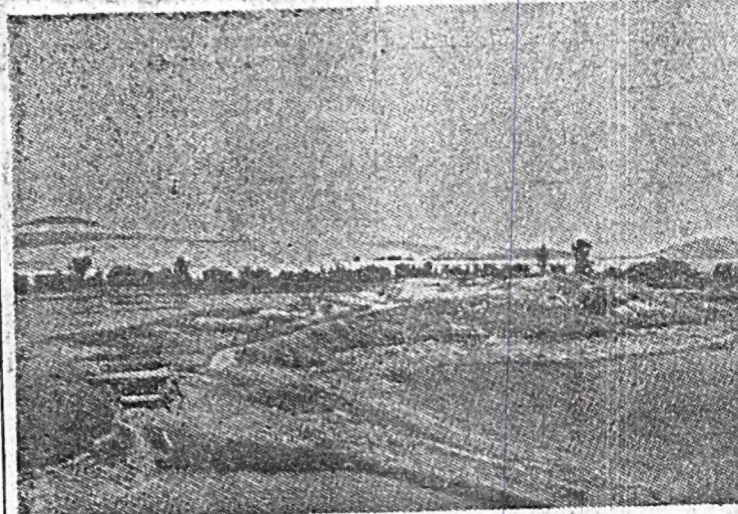
Tom and Sanford Bingham, after whom the Bingham mines are named, must also be considered as partially responsible for the development of this mining district.

The advent of the trans-continental railroad in 1869 and the Utah Central to Salt Lake City in 1870 did much to promise a good future for mining.

Bingham is not only a copper mine. Free gold was discovered in the Bingham Canyon in 1864

by some miners from Montana who had also been to California. Before 1872 Bingham Canyon had produced more than \$1,000,000 in gold alone.

Knowing that "all is not gold that glitters" could make one recall that copper also glitters, and from Bingham it seems to have a monetary value.



**FIRST RESERVOIR IN UTAH**—Looking upstream at the old Newton Dam, located on Clarkston Creek about 12 miles northwest of Logan, the first reservoir built by the pioneers.



